

## White crappie

*Pomoxis annularis*



**Similar Species:** Black crappie

**Identification:** Dorsal (back) fin with 5 or 6 hard spines, dark vertical bars on sides, breeding male also gets quite dark and is often confused with black crappie at that time.

The white crappie is native to extreme northeastern South Dakota, and has been stocked throughout the state. It is more likely to be found in more turbid (muddy) water than the black crappie. Suspended plankton are an important part of white crappie diet, especially when crappies are small. Small fish and aquatic insects are also eaten. Both crappie species spawn in nests when water temperatures reach about 60 F.

